



California State Parks' Central Valley Vision



Public Outreach Meeting



California State Parks' Central Valley Vision:

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State Parks is challenged to provide a long-term roadmap to:

Provide a variety of natural, cultural and recreational experiences in the Central Valley for an increasingly diverse California population.





1. Project Overview:

Began July 2003:

Oversight committee formed

Central Valley Vision purpose:

- Provide a 20-year blue print for State Park actions designed to increase service and relevancy
- Identify current and near term actions
- Meet the public's needs through partnerships, expansions, upgrading facilities and new development

Sites reviewed, previous studies assessed, interviews conducted

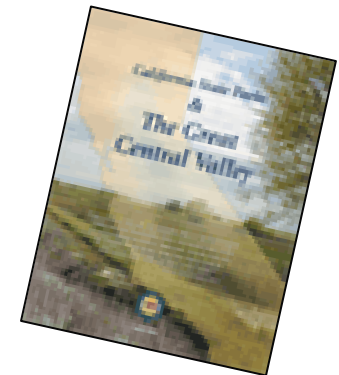
April 2004:

Report and brochures generated

Spring/fall 2005:

Public outreach meetings and presentations

Site analysis continues, special events, site tours, etc.





The *Vision* Recommends:

- Expand recreational facilities at existing state parks
- Round-out boundaries of existing state parks
- Acquire key natural, cultural and recreation lands and corridors
- Preserve and interpret rich history of the Valley





Why a long-term vision now?

Dramatic population shifts and growth!



Subdivisions meet farmland near Fresno, CA. Courtesy United States Geological Survey.





Profound demographic changes in California

- 36.8 million CA residents in 2005; 50 million by 2040
- Valley will see intensive growth and changes – averaging 20-25% *higher* than coastal areas.
- Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Modesto, Merced, Redding, Bakersfield becoming major urban areas
- San Joaquin County has 1 in 5 poverty rate; 8.2% unemployment rate. Air quality is the worst in the nation.



- Growth can threaten farmland and the environment, and increases social and fiscal disparities;
- Still a chance to do things right!
- Dramatic increases in populations – **we're growing older, younger, more ethnically diverse!**





Counties included in the Central Valley Vision:

Butte	San Joaquin
Colusa	Shasta
Fresno	Solano
Glenn	Stanislaus
Kern	Sutter
Kings	Tehama
Madera	Tulare
Merced	Yolo
Sacramento	Yuba

The Great Central Valley consists of the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley.



Central Valley Population

County	<u>2000</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2040</u>
Butte	204,672	260,730	282,492
Colusa	18,923	26,337	32,449
Fresno	803,401	1,114,654	1,476,699
Glenn	26,718	31,950	37,182
Kern	664,694	950,112	1,325,648
Kings	129,823	184,751	252,762
Madera	124,372	183,966	259,353
Merced	210,876	360,831	528,788
Sacramento	1,230,465	1,946,679	2,579,720
San Joaquin	567,798	989,462	1,457,128
Shasta	164,748	227,922	296,007
Solano	396,784	555,264	751,782
Stanislaus	449,777	653,841	843,523
Sutter	79,464	111,856	139,805
Tehama	56,042	68,323	80,640
Tulare	369,355	543,749	754,790
Yolo	169,882	271,040	363,663
Yuba	60,553	84,816	112,097
Total:	<u>5,728,347</u>	<u>8,566,283</u>	<u>11,574,528</u>

Source of Data: State of California, Department of Finance, Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity for California and Its Counties, 2000-2050

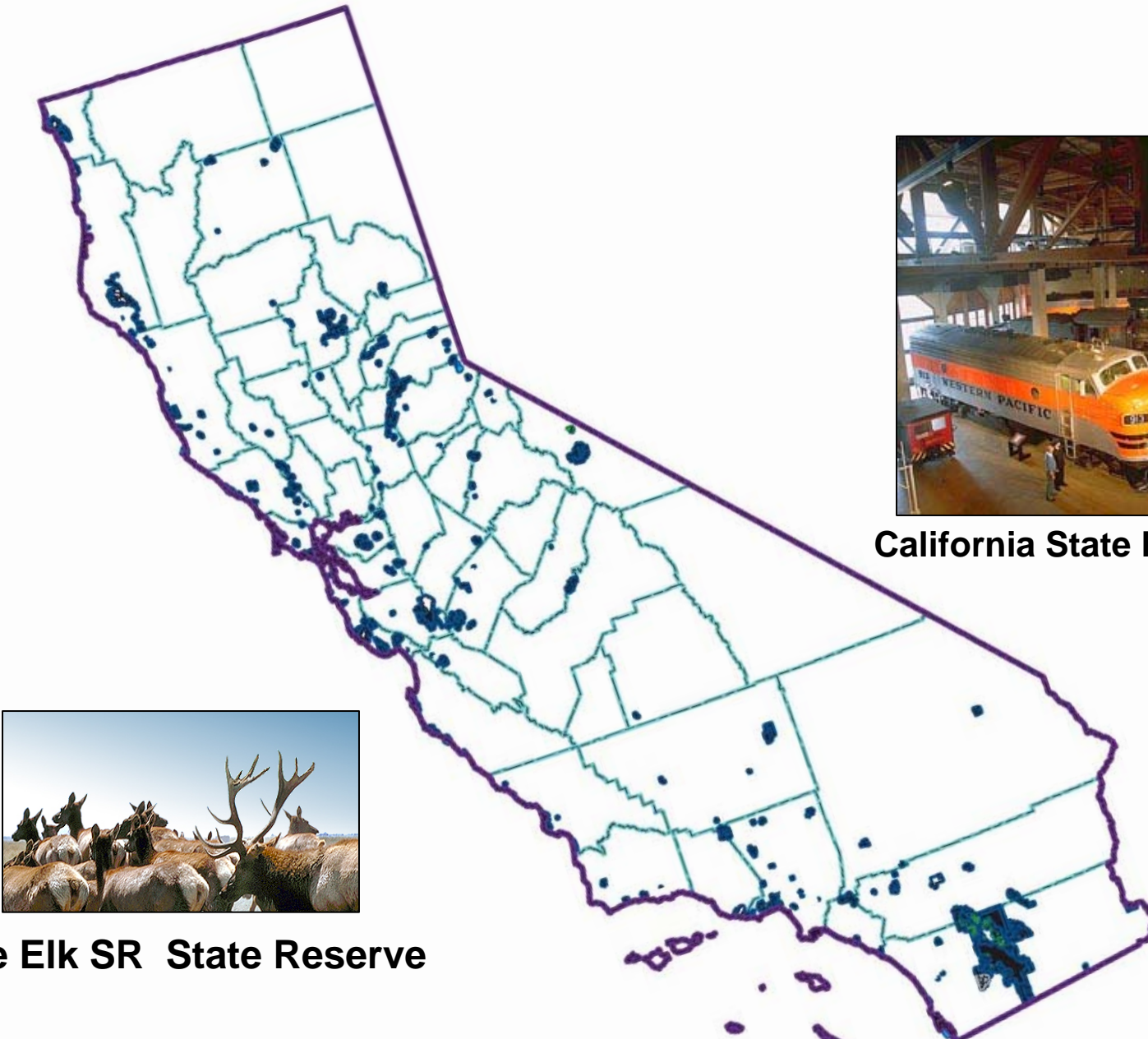


Population Projections for 18 Central Valley counties

	2000	2020	2040
White	3,011,951	2,934,506	2,952,686
Hispanic	1,728,914	3,631,865	5,736,157
Asian/Pacific Islanders	456,638	863,418	1,205,261
Black	347,535	681,819	981,296
Multirace	183,309	454,675	699,028
All Populations	<u>5,728,347</u>	<u>8,566,283</u>	<u>11,574,528</u>

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Map of State Parks in California



California State Railroad Museum



Tule Elk SR State Reserve



32 State Parks in the Central Valley

(listed North to South)

William B. Ide Adobe SHP
Woodson Bridge SRA
Bidwell-Sacramento River SP
Bidwell Mansion SHP
Lake Oroville SRA
Clay Pit SVRA
Colusa-Sacramento River SRA
Sutter Buttes
Woodland Opera House SHP
Folsom Lake SRA
Folsom Powerhouse SHP
State Capitol Museum
Sutter's Fort SHP/State Indian
Museum
Governor's Mansion SHP
Old Sacramento SHP/Railroad
Museum
Leland Stanford Mansion SHP

Prairie City SVRA
Stone Lake
Delta Meadows River Park
Brannan Island SRA
Franks Tract SRA
Bethany Reservoir SRA
Caswell Memorial SRA
San Luis Reservoir SRA
Pacheco SP
George J. Hatfield SRA
Great Valley Grasslands SP
McConnell SRA
Turlock Lake SRA
Millerton Lake SRA
Colonel Allensworth SHP
Tule Elk SR



Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park



William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park



**Woodson Bridge State
Recreation Area**



Bethany Reservoir SRA State Recreation Area



Brannan Island State Recreation Area



Prairie City SVRA State Vehicular Recreation Area



**Sutter's Fort SHP/State
Indian Museum**



Pacheco State Park



San Luis Reservoir SRA State Recreation Area



McConnell State Recreation Area



Col. Allensworth State Historic Park



Franks Tract State Recreation Area



Turlock Lake State Recreation Area



Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area



Caswell Memorial State Park



Great Valley Grasslands State Park



**Leland Stanford Mansion State
Historic Park**

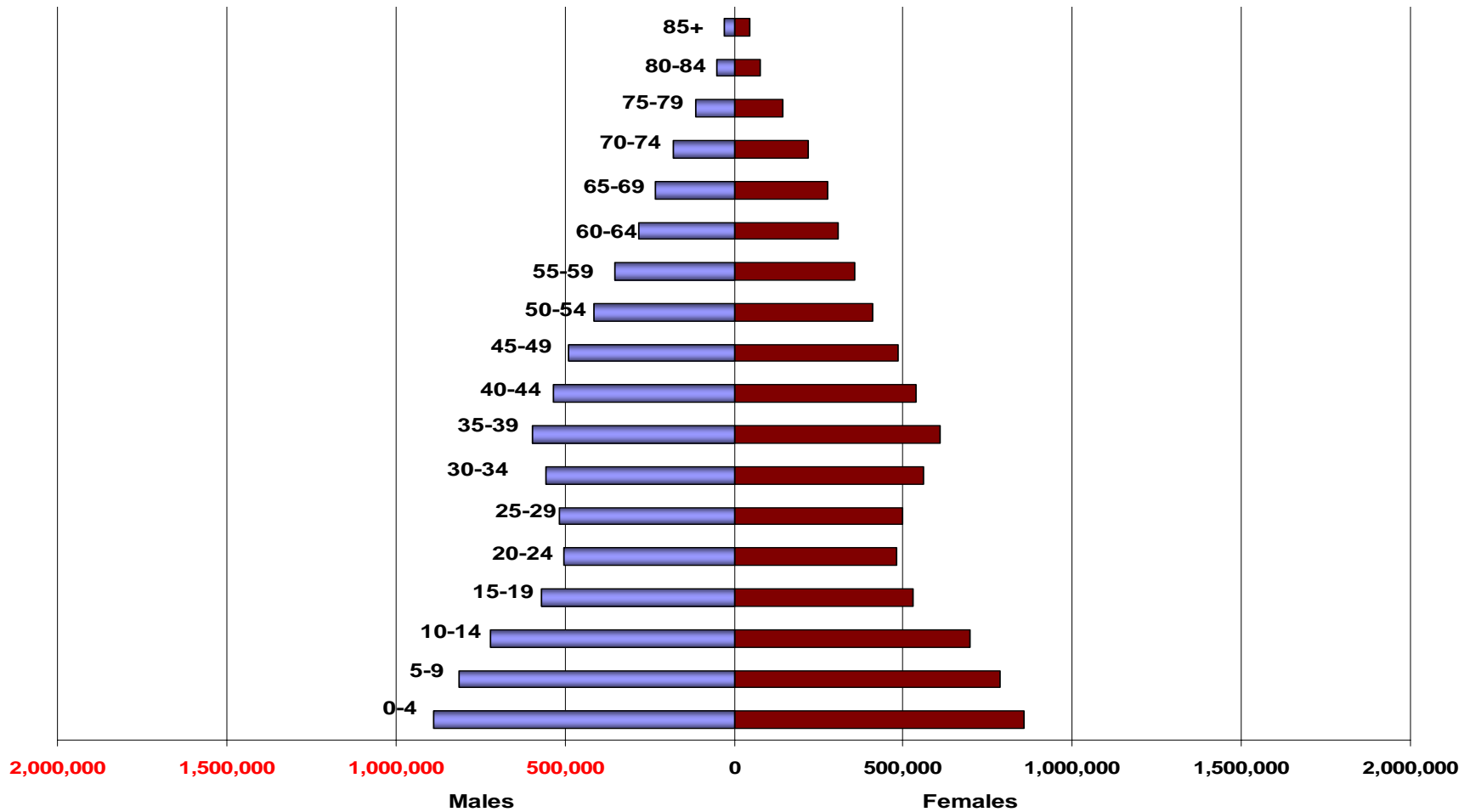


Sutter Buttes Park



1960

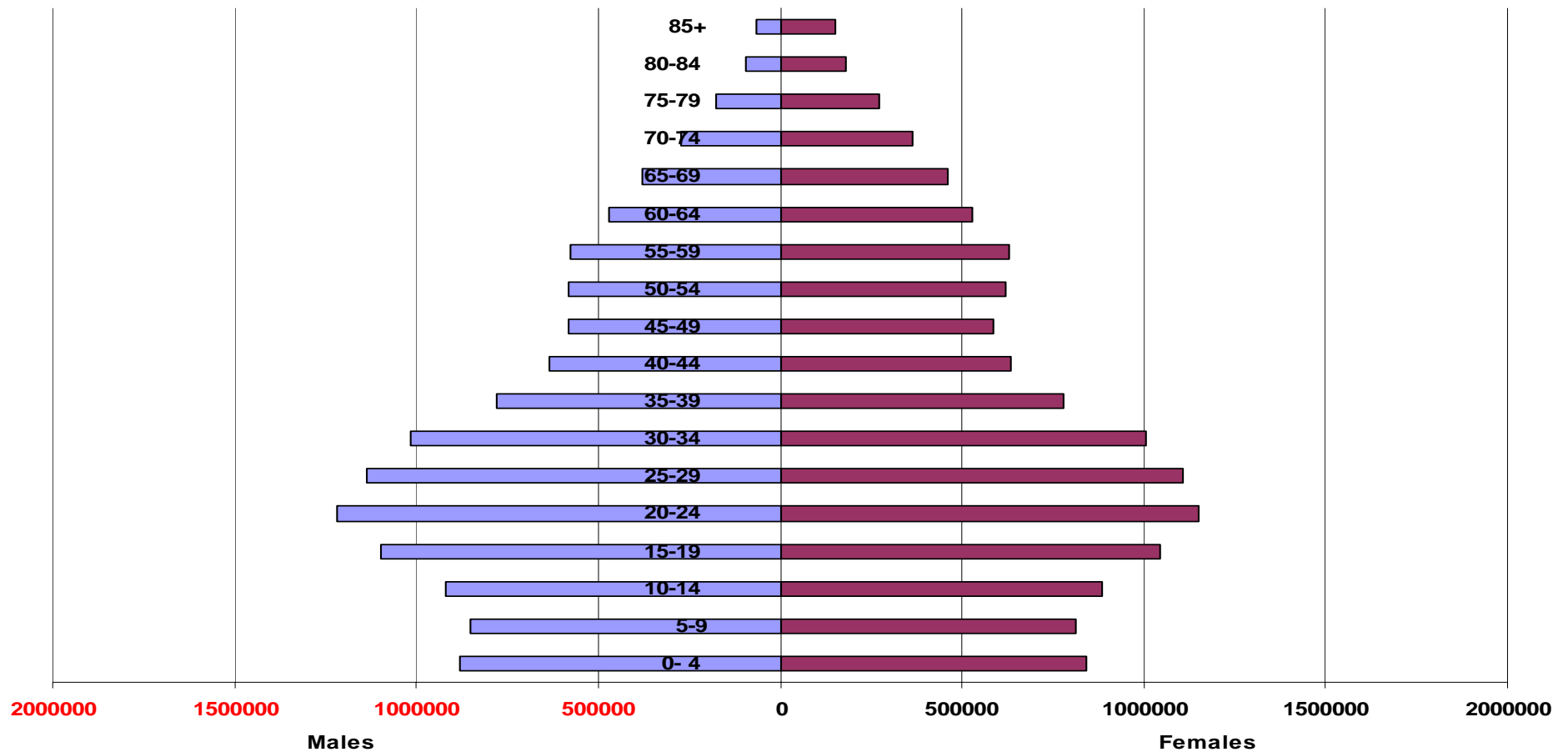
California Population 1960 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)





1980

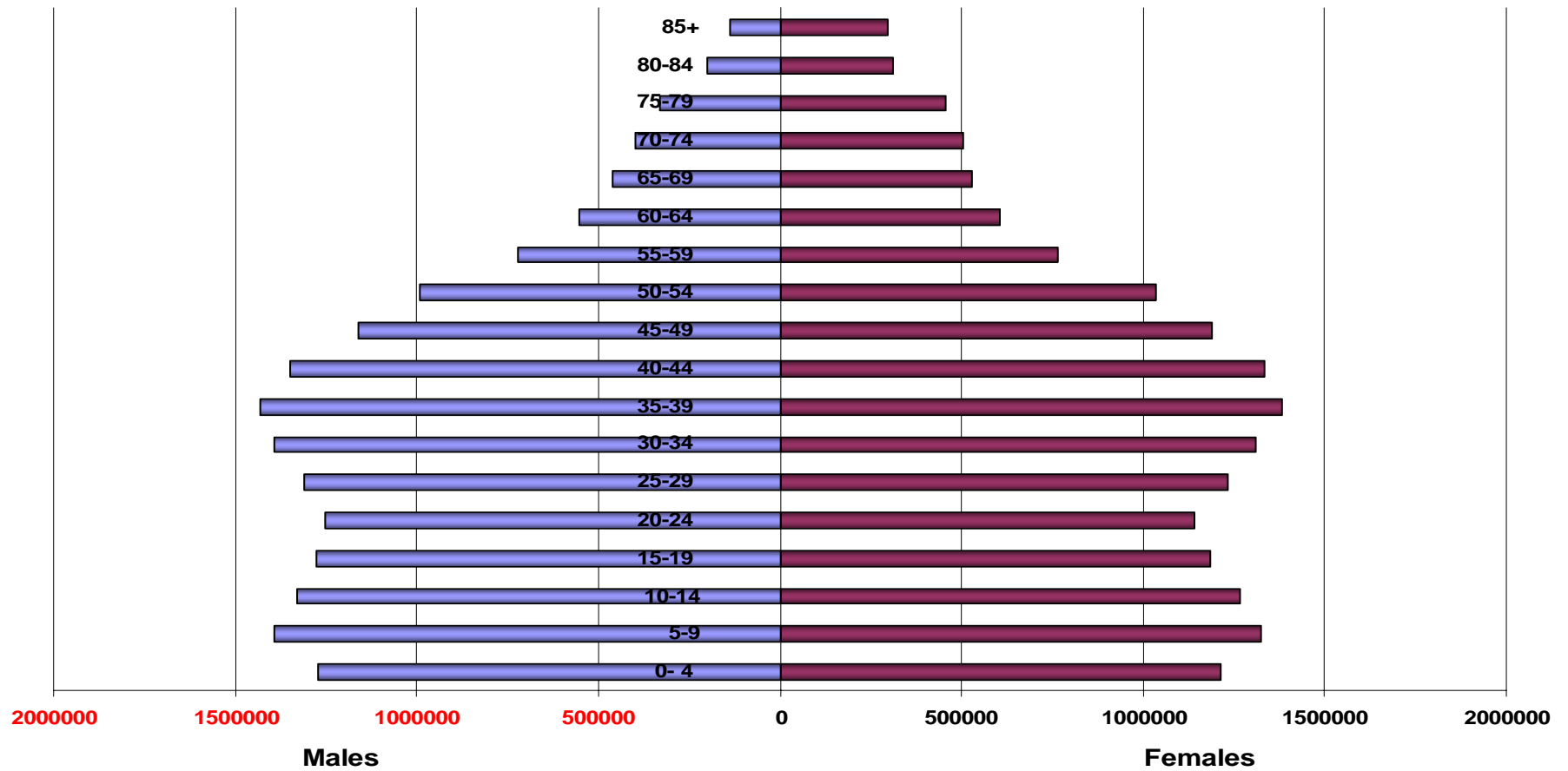
California Population 1980 (Source: UCData Center/CA Dept. of Finance)





2000

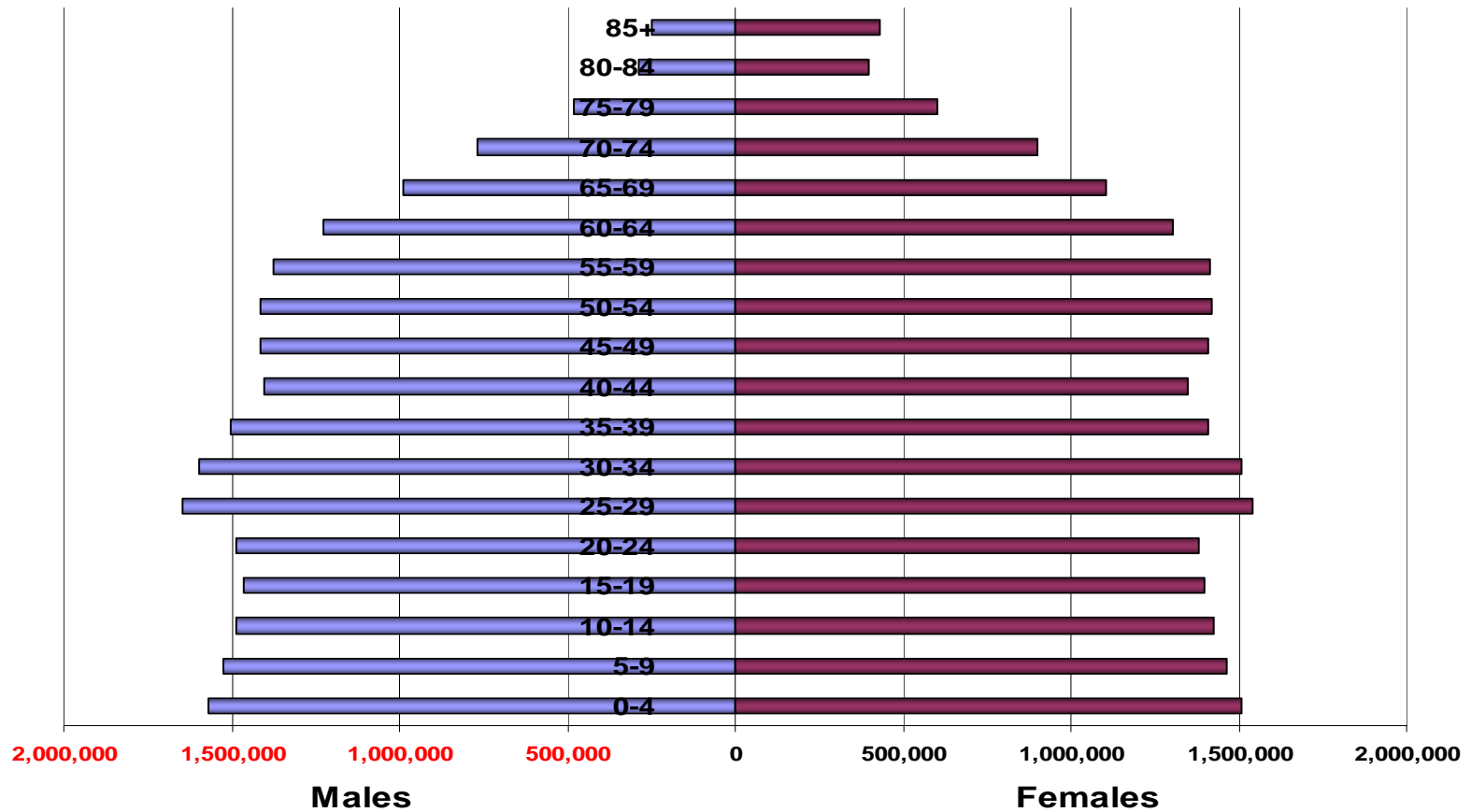
California Population 2000 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)





2020

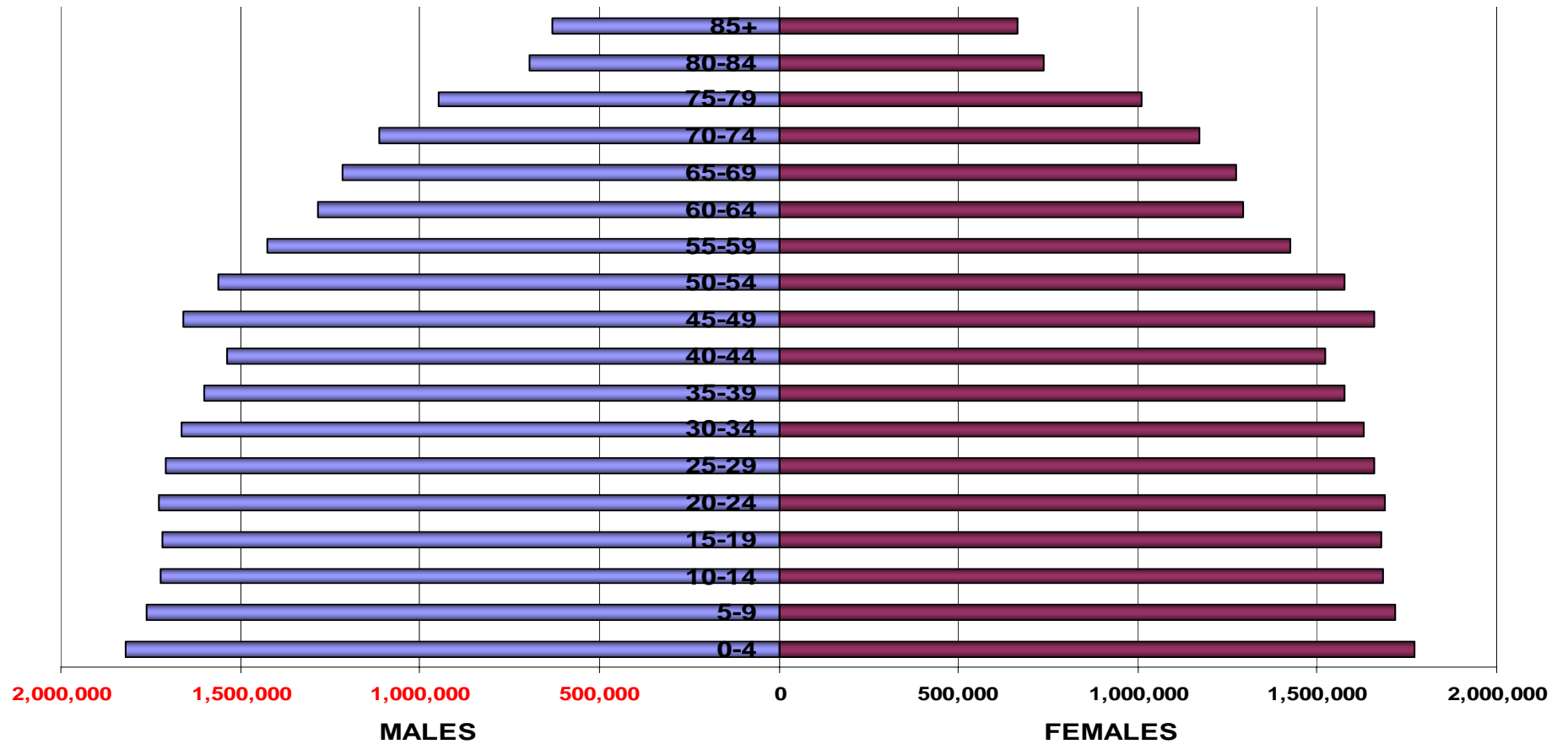
California Population 2020 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)





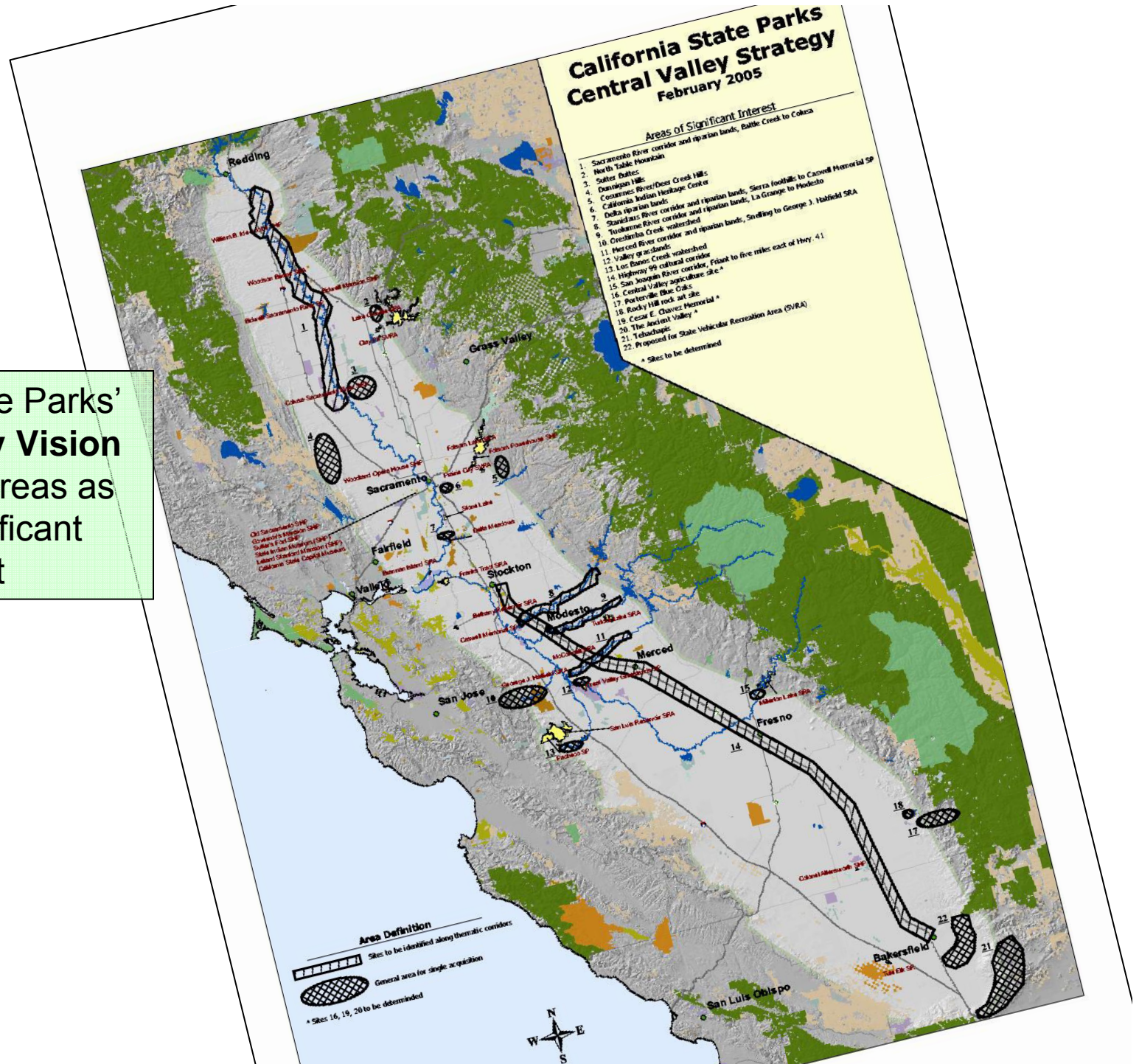
2040

California Population 2040 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)





California State Parks' Central Valley Vision identified 22 areas as having significant interest





2. Outreach Efforts (partial list of meetings)

- Central Valley Vision public outreach meetings:
Woodland, Fresno, Sacramento, Chico (more in fall 2005)
- League of California Cities
Redding, San Jose
- CA State Park and Recreation Commission
- Society for CA Archaeology
- National Association of Recreation Resource Planners
- Great Valley Center's annual conference
- University Farm Circle
- Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
- Tuolumne River Preservation Trust
- California Park Associations conference
- California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks & Tourism
- California Park and Recreation Society's annual conference
- California State Park Rangers Association annual conference





Outreach Efforts (continued)

- Legislative and key policy leaders field site visits;
- Met with federal, state, and local agencies, private and non-profit stakeholders to identify common interests;
- Groundwork laid for strengthening partnerships and developing collaborative efforts:
 1. Economic/funding partners
 2. Non-profits, land trusts, community groups
- Special events (ground breakings, key acquisitions)



Outreach Efforts (continued)

- Build relationships with key stakeholders and partners;
- Grant awards as an opportunity to connect communities to the Vision;
- Design interpretive signs, markers and brochures
- Conduct special interpretive/educational programs at Valley State Park units.





3. What the Department is hearing:

- Expand facilities at existing Valley parks

Recreational uses include: hiking, camping, interpretive programs and facilities, canoeing/kayaking, day-use, fishing, boating, off-road vehicles and trails to accommodate larger family and group activities at river corridors, reservoirs, and in the Delta.



Interpretive walk, San Luis Reservoir SRA



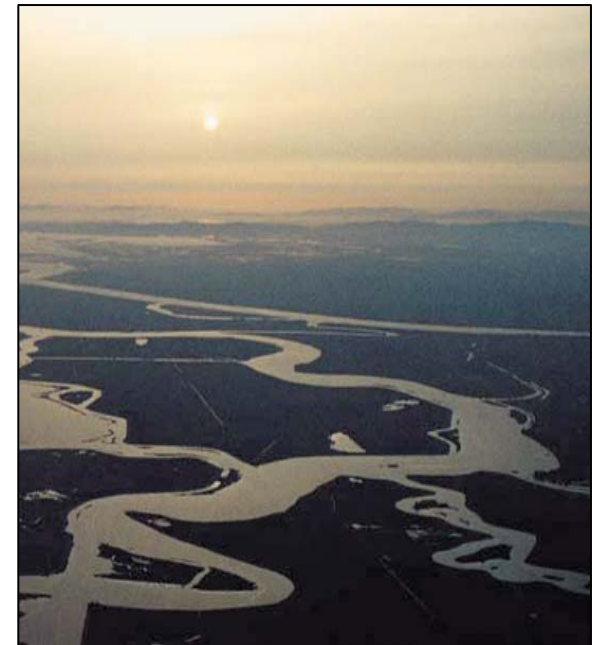
- **“Round-out” boundaries of existing parks**

✓ Focus on those lands that link state parks with other public ownership and are along water corridors, for example:

Delta region
Sacramento River
Tuolumne River
Stanislaus River
San Joaquin River
Merced River

Mokelumne River
Kings River
Kern River
Kaweah River
Cosumnes River
American River

Cache Creek
Feather River
Yuba River





“Round-out” boundaries of existing parks (continued)

- ✓ Sites that offer economic and volunteer partnerships with organizations or agencies;
- ✓ Lands that provide conservation easements or buffer areas; and
- ✓ Lands that serve diverse and growing communities, and are located along major transportation routes, such as I-5 and Hwy. 99.





- **Acquire key natural, cultural and recreation lands and corridors, such as:**

- ✓ Prehistoric rock art and preservation of sacred sites
- ✓ Blue oak and sycamore woodlands
- ✓ Geological and paleontological sites
- ✓ Vernal pools, wetlands, canyon-lands, rolling hills
- ✓ Native grasslands and riparian habitat
- ✓ Linkages as corridors to sustainable lands
- ✓ Trail linkages and lands that provide for day use and camping experiences





- Preserve and interpret the rich history of the Valley, such as:
 - ✓ Those that “tell a story” or are a historic theme, event or activity, such as trade routes, highway 99, railroad and river transportation routes, Dust Bowl history, migrant farm workers, immigrant stories, mining hydrology, oil industry, flood control, aviation, agricultural industry and the building of the California aqueduct;
 - ✓ Full history of California’s native people



Ranger interpretation program



4. Discussion: *our* turn to listen

Public Outreach Meetings

What special areas or facilities would you like considered?

Sept. 13, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Moore's Riverboat Marina
106 Brannan Island Road
Isleton, CA

Sept. 14, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Black Gold Theater/Kern Co. Museum
3801 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA

Sept. 15, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Madera County Board of Supervisors
Resource Mgmt. Agency, A-7
County of Madera
2037 W. Cleveland Ave., Madera

Sept. 19, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Red Bluff Community Center
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA

Sept. 20, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Great Valley Center
201 Needham Street
Modesto

Sept. 21, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

U. C. Merced, Redwood Room
4225 N. Hospital Road (Old Castle AFB)
Atwater, CA

Sept. 27, 2005: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

City of Stockton, Dept. of Parks & Rec.
Memorial Civic Auditorium, North Hall
525 N. Court Street
Stockton, CA



State Parks would like to know:

- What is important in the Central Valley that should be protected and interpreted as a unit of the State Park System, before it's lost?
- Which natural, historical and cultural resources and features should be protected before they vanish?
- What special stories need to be told and where are the places that need to be protected in order to tell them?
- What recreational facilities of the kind found in State Parks should be developed and where?



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